

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Amendment filed on July 21, 2009 in response to Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-12 and 14-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 9, 20 and 21 are independent claims. Claims 2, 4, 6 and 13 are canceled, and claims 1, 3 and 19-21 are amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Based on Applicant's arguments, see pages 8-10, filed on July 21, 2009, with respect to the rejections of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-12 and 14-22 have been fully considered and are persuasive, and based on the extensive searches of various databases, Examiner respectfully submits that claims 1, 3, 5, 7-12 and 14-22 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy N. Pardo whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne Young can be reached on 571-272-7582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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